



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Nascantur in Admirations*

"Let Them Be Born in Wonder."

October 14, 2019

Margaret Mary Term – Week VIII

School Year Theme: *Beatudinem* (Happiness)

October Virtue: Counsel



Sixth grader Jasmine Dinh proudly displays her wonderfully organized locker on the occasion of one of Mr. DiLaura's regular upper school locker reviews. Learning to benefit from the efficiency and calm of good order is the goal. Well done Jasmine!



Our thanks to Ms. Lorang and her 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom for designing and posting our Virtue bulletin board for October's virtue of *Counsel*. Students have been discussing the benefits of the wisdom and humility of seeking counsel in times of decision making, stress, and temptation.

## ~ Events Calendar ~



Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

### **St. Thomas Picture Day**

Dress up or Dress code school wear for pictures.  
Preschool parents may come between 8 and 10 AM.

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Parent Association Monthly Meeting**

6:00 PM – Parish Library  
(Note revised date/location)

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Online Chess Scholars Registration Due**

See attached flyer for additional information.

Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Half School Day—Dismissal at 11:40 AM**

St. Thomas Faculty Professional Development

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> *Save the Date!*

### **St. Thomas Fall Festival & Chili Cook Off**

Parish Hall and Parking Lot  
4:00 to 6:00 PM

(See the attached flyer for more information!)

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Girls Volleyball Tournament**

Varsity @ St. Paul Lutheran

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

### **St. Thomas School Stakeholders Forum**

6:30 – 8:00 PM, Media Center

(Note revised date to accommodate late girls volleyball game  
and travel schedules of board members.)

## ~ Attachments ~

Weekly Parent Schedule  
Chess Scholars Registration Information  
St. Thomas Picture Day Details  
St. Thomas Fall Festival Invitation

## ~ Noteworthy ~

### Picture Day Tomorrow

**Tomorrow is a dress-up or dress code day for school pictures.** Order forms were sent home last week and are to be turned in by the student to the photographer at the time their picture is taken. If your child does not attend preschool tomorrow, you may bring them directly to the Parish Hall any time between 8am -10am and go to the front of the line. We will schedule a picture make-up day in November. We will keep you posted. Smile!

### Fall Festival & Chili Cook Off Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>—4 to 6 PM

Come join the fun next week Friday as we gather for an afternoon and evening of fall food and fun at St. Thomas! Please join in the fun by volunteering to help with the games and activities by signing up at [St. Thomas Fall Festival](#). All are also invited to compete in the chili cook off, please email [Erin Savarino](#), our Parent Association chair for a spot in the competition. We ask families to make a \$20 donation which you can provide through your [e-Funds](#) account. Please see the attached invitation.

### St. Thomas Athletics Program Open to St. Thomas Parishioners

Mr. Miller, our St. Thomas Athletic Director, has received approval from our Ann Arbor Independent Athletics Association league board for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students whose families are registered parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish to be eligible to join our St. Thomas School athletics teams. As we seek to build a closer relationship between our parish and school communities, beyond the financial support the parish provides, we are excited about the connection this eligibility allows among our families.

### Angel House Day

On our monthly last Friday of the month Jean Day St. Thomas School will celebrate Angel House Day by sitting together in Angel Houses at lunch and then participating in a special fun activity together (generally allowing houses to earn angel points as well.) In September students participated in various team competitions including a free throw contest. This month students will be participating in the...

### St. Thomas School Spelling Bee

This year St. Thomas will begin an annual participation in the Michigan Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee by conducting grade level spelling bees on Friday afternoon, October 25<sup>th</sup>. All our students will gather in the parish hall to support all our fourth through eighth grade students for the bee. Students earning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, combined 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will win angel house points for their houses and move on to represent St. Thomas at the



regional Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Students are being provided word lists that will be used in the spelling be if they would like to prepare. Our thanks to Mrs. Kelly who has organized and will moderate the bee.



## Family Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

God of wisdom and love,  
you have sent your Son Jesus to be the light of the world,  
and continue to send your Holy Spirit among us  
to guide us into the way of truth.

Open our hearts to your word  
and let us ponder your actions among us.  
Give us your Spirit of wisdom and knowledge,  
of understanding and counsel.  
With Mary, may we rejoice in your gifts,  
and walk in the way of truth and love.

With all your people on earth and in eternity,  
we ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of your loving Spirit,  
one holy God, for ever and ever.

Amen!

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